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Tourism up

Tourist activity picks up in city after months

Mysuru, Sept. 11 (MTY&AK)- The tourism industry in Mysuru is witnessing some buoyancy almost six months after the killer COVID-19 second wave. Hundreds of tourists have arrived in the city since Thursday evening as yesterday's Ganesh Chaturthi holiday coincided with a long weekend.

Since Jan. 2021, tourist entry to the city was restricted due to weekend curfew and merciless lockdown, but now, there is a sign of relief. The lifting of weekend curfew from Mysuru last week and this week in Kodagu has boosted travel with many people making short trips of one or two days.

There has been a steady flow of tourists since Thursday evening and all the hotels, lodges, resorts and service apartments in the city centre have seen 75 to 80 percent occupancy while the accommodations on the city outskirts have seen 60 to 65 percent occupancy. All the bookings, however, are till tomorrow (Sunday) evening. The hotel industry which is dependent on tourists had suffered a huge loss for two years due to the pandemic.

(See TOURIST on page 7)

With CoWin
you can see vaccine status of others

New Delhi, Sept. 11 (UNI)- The Health Ministry has launched a new Application Programming Interface (API), through its web portal Co-WIN, called 'Know Your Customer's/ Client's Vaccination Status' (KYC-VS). KYC-VS will enable a verifying entity to know whether a person has been vaccinated against Coronavirus or not, the Union Health Ministry said.

In a release, the Ministry said yesterday that to use this API, an individual needs to enter his/her mobile number and name. "Thereafter, they will get an OTP which they have to enter. In return, Co-WIN will send a response to the verifying entity on the individual's status of vaccination," said the release.

This response will be digitally signed and can be shared instantly with the verifying entity. "A real-life example could be when at the time of booking a railway ticket, an individual will input the necessary details for buying the ticket and if required, the concerned entity will also get the vaccination status in the same transaction, with the due consent of the individual," noted the release.

The Ministry said that as socio-economic activities are being gradually revived while maintaining everyone's safety, there is a need for a way to digitally convey the status of individuals' vaccination to entities with whom they may be engaging with for any or all reasons, such as employees, passengers, residents etc.

"Therefore, there is a need to enable an Aadhaar like authentication service for the status of vaccination through Co-WIN. To take care of these cases and others that may come up this API has been launched," the release said.

KYC-VS according to the Ministry is both consent-based and privacy preserving.

Additionally, in order to facilitate quick integration and faster adoption, the Co-WIN Team has prepared a webpage with the API, which may be embedded in any system. This will allow for a seamless integration with any system.

It added that this service may be utilised by any service provider, private or public, for whom verifying an individual's vaccination status is critical for facilitating a service requested.

Tenders called for Kesare, Rayanakere waste plants

Long-term solution for city's waste treatment woes: MLA Ramdas

Mysuru, Sept. 11 (MTY&BCT)- Tenders have already been called to set up two new Solid Waste Treatment and Recycling Plants to handle the city waste at Kesare and Rayanakere and these plants would augment the city's waste handling capacity for at least 10 years, said Krishnaraja (KR) MLA S.A. Ramdas this morning.

Reacting to a question posed by *Star of Mysore* on the Karnataka Cabinet's approval of the Detailed Project Report (DPR) worth Rs. 14.38 crore to clear

mounds of legacy waste that has piled up at the Solid Waste Management Unit (Excel Plant) at Sewage Farm premises in Vidyaranyapuram, MLA Ramdas said that he was committed to clear the waste as soon as the waste plants at Kesare and Rayanakere begins functioning.

Over 3.08 lakh tonnes of waste will be cleared from Vidyaranyapuram under the project through biomining or bioremediation.

This waste has been dumped for over 30 years and now, more than 200 tonnes of waste has been added to the growing mountains of legacy waste.

(See TENDERS on page 7)

STAR OF MYSORE

"We believe comment is free, but facts are sacred."

Editor: M. GOVINDE GOWDA, M.A.

Mysuru, Saturday 11th September 2021

PU toppers, distinction holders honoured

Mysuru, Sept. 11- Global Education Trust (GET) Mysore, the parent body of Daksha PU College and GETS Academy, honoured its PU toppers and the large number of its distinction students.

Dr. Anand, Chairman of BIMS, Mysore University and Prof. Nagaraj, Chairman of the Department of Commerce, Mysore University, oriented and counselled the students on the salient features of the first of its kind B.Com Hons and BBA Hons degree programmes in Karnataka, provided by GETS Academy Mysore.

These specialised programmes structured in line with the National Education Policy (NEP), facilitate lateral entry/ exit, and meet the career growth aspirations of the students and requirements of the Governments, corporates, entrepreneurs, international organisations and multi-purpose global service providers.

Dr. Anand expressed his thoughts, saying: "These courses particularly help students grasp the core aspects of their subjects, in turn; a talent pool of professionals is being created each day, whose credentials as professions are surely commendable. The programmes are so conceived that it equips the students with a wide range of commerce, administrative and managerial skills, while building competence in various areas of life activity."

Jayachandra Raju, Chairman, GET, stated, "for the holistic development of every student, the institution supports organised study tours, industry visits and international excursions for experimental learning and practical exposure internationally. It would also associate with various prestigious companies for internships, projects and placements."

He also advised that health and well-being of everyone on the campus is the utmost priority and GETS guarantees that all possible measures will be taken to protect everyone from the COVID-19 pandemic, where we would see ourselves come out of this crisis together as a community.

EDITOR'S BOTTOMLINE

Each day is a new realisation of how the chickens have come home to roost. Films, television, books, graphic novels, video games, all appear designed to elicit a specific reaction or rather a lack of the 'right' reaction. Now, television news has also become 'designer' where everything's packaged to take you to the brink, and depending on the briefing, either tip you over or save the day. Irrespective of what is unfolding in Afghanistan, some fundamental questions have drowned in the din.

The scary part is how news and political analysts are not asking why the US left an arsenal worth billions that the Taliban could take over. Or how for two decades, most American Presidents reaffirmed their commitments to install peace in Afghanistan but at the same time were in bed with Pakistan, whose infamous ISI supported the Taliban in more ways than one. The message is straightforward — you have seen this before, and you have seen much worse. It doesn't matter if you probably 'experienced' this horror on a screen near you or in the comfort of your living room; it's all the same if you believe it. —Gautam Chintamani in The New Indian Express

NEWS SPARKLERS

Cat locked for 52 days in abandoned house survives

Vlaardingen: A lucky cat somehow managed to survive 52 days locked in an abandoned house in the Dutch town of Vlaardingen, eating paper and struggling to find water sources.

At the end of last month, the new owners of a house in Vlaardingen were shocked to see a thin, visibly malnourished cat race past them as they opened the front door of their property. They had bought the place at an auction, so this was the first time they set foot in it.

Animal Shelter Vlaardingen was contacted and they managed to catch the feline and started an investigation. It turns out that the former owner had disappeared on July 1st and the cat had been struggling to survive by itself ever since.

Newlyweds send food bill to absentee guests

Chicago: A Chicago-based couple recently sparked a heated debate on social media, after posting photos of invoices they sent to wedding guests who had confirmed their presence at the event but did not attend.

Doug Simmons, 44, and Dedra McGee, 43, invited 109 guests to their fairytale wedding reception at the Royalton Negril Resort & Spa in Jamaica. However, some of them repeatedly confirmed their presence, but ultimately failed to show up on the big day, which left the couple feeling so aggrieved that they decided to create invoices for the cost of the absentees' meals.

A model of the invoice posted on Facebook demands that the no-show guests pay $120 or $240 in case of a plus-one, as compensation for the expenses incurred by the couple on their behalf.

HEALTH CAPSULE

Anaesthesia Doesn't Always Put You to Sleep. Local anaesthesia only numbs a small area of the body to prevent pain during a procedure like having a tooth pulled, getting stitches for a deep cut, or having a mole removed. Regional anaesthesia suppresses pain and movement in a larger area of the body but leaves you fully conscious and able to talk and answer questions. An epidural given during childbirth is one example.

By Dr. Balasubramanyam P K - Consultant – Anaesthesiology

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Assembly Session from Sept. 13; None should be absent: Speaker

Bengaluru, Sept. 11 (UNI)- Karnataka Assembly Speaker Vishweshwara Hegde Kageri on Wednesday instructed lawmakers and Ministers not to be absent in the Legislative Assembly Session which is scheduled from Sept. 13.

Speaking to newsmen, he said: "we have received 18 Bills from the State Government. I had instructed the Government that the Bill should be placed well before the Session starts. During the Session, the Legislators and Ministers were asked not to avail leave and the matter was brought to the notice of Chief Minister Basavarj Bommai and all Ministers.'

On Sept. 24, a Special Joint Session would be called and there would be discussions on Parliamentary values. We will also invite Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla for a Special Joint Session.

He said that he has held talks with the CM and the Council Chairperson in this connection.

REALLY...?

- ***Banaras Hindu University, established on 4th January 1916 based on the pattern of Universities at Taxila and Nalanda, is one of Asia's largest residential University with more than 35,000 students.***
- ***With the enrolment of around 34,99,999 students, Indira Gandhi National Open University (IGNOU) is the world's largest Open University based on student enrolment. The enrolment number is calculated inclusive of active students on and off campus.***
- ***There has been an estimation that Indian students spend about 7 billion to go and study in Universities abroad.***
- ***Universities in India in the name of 'Gandhi': Eight Universities are named after Mahatma Gandhi, eight Universities are named after Rajiv Gandhi, five Universities are named after Indira Gandhi and a University named after Sanjay Gandhi.***

LAUGHTER THE BEST MEDICINE

Son: *Did granny prepare the food today?* ***Mom:*** *Yes, how did you find out?*
Son: *Everyday I was getting black hair, today I got white hair!!!*
—R. Vikram, 3rd Grade

TODAY'S CURRENCY RATE

1 US Dollar	= Rs. 73.52
1 UK Pound	= Rs. 101.69
1 UAE Dirham	= Rs. 20.02
1 Euro	= Rs. 86.84

COVID-19 UPDATE - MYSURU

	SEPTEMBER 9	SEPTEMBER 10
Day's Positive Cases	48	55
Total Positive Cases	1,76,735	1,76,790
Day's Discharges	85	135
Total Discharges	1,73,542	1,73,677
Day's Deaths	0	0
Total Deaths	2,371	2,371
Total Active Cases	822	742

NOTE: Figures as per Government Media Bulletin

VOICE OF THE READER

City roads crying for attention

Sir,

It is not just the spike in crimes that requires the attention of City Police, City Corporation and the district authorities concerned, but also on the pathetic condition of roads adjoining the Ring Road.

The officials and employees of many of the Departments that are supposed to look into these aspects, think and behave as if lethargy and 'something' benefits are special privileges granted to them once they join Government service. I am not sure if they have ever commuted on these roads on their personal vehicles any time other than commuting in their AC cars.

A news item in *Star of Mysore* sometime back said that the lights on the Ring Road are not operational because the rodents have damaged the wires. This is utter negligence on the part of the planners of these projects. It reflects how meritorious they are in their academics that they have not applied neither their minds nor education while planning.

I would urge the authorities concerned to commute from Sathagalli Bus Depot Junction to the Forum Mall and from Narayana Hospital to Rajivnagar Junction to get first-hand experience of the road condition.

The main road in Rajendranagar and beyond (opposite to CESC Office) which is a major link road in the area used by residents up to Old Kesare is crying for immediate attention.

The stretch of Irwin Road between the Police Station and Chitra's Hospital too is in tatters.

The trench dug between Central Post Office and SBI remains unasphalted till date. It is high time that the MCC and other Departments do some work and make these roads travel worthy for the tax-paying citizens.

—Rafathunnisa
Mysuru 8.9.2021

NEET exam tomorrow

Prohibitory orders around all exam centres in city

Mysuru, Sept. 11- With the National Testing Agency (NTA) set to conduct NEET (UG)-2021 for admission to Under-Graduate Medical (MBBS), Dental (BDS) and other Medical courses across the country tomorrow (Sept. 12), the City Police have issued prohibitory orders under Section 144 of Cr.PC in 200 mts radius of all the 24 centres in the city.

The centres include Christ Public School at BEML Layout in Rajarajeshwarinagar; St. Joseph's School in Jayalakshmipuram; Pramati Hill View Academy; JSS Public School, Siddarthanagar; Mahajana Public School in Jayalakshmipuram; Kendriya Vidyalaya and Nataraja Public School, among others.

The ban orders will be in place from 6 am till 6 pm tomorrow and accordingly, no unauthorised person will be allowed entry to the exam centres and carrying of any objectionable articles is strictly prohibited.

Also, all photocopy shops in the vicinity of the centres are asked to shut down for the day, according to a release issued by the office of the City Police Commissioner.

MUDA Group Housing Project: App to assess demand

mysurumuda app can be downloaded from MUDA website *www.mudamysore.gov.in*

Mysuru, Sept. 11 (RK&BCT)- The Mysuru Urban Development Authority's (MUDA) bid to solve the growing land crunch and premium on land value by building group housing projects, where there will be more than 2,000 housing clusters has just got traction with a dedicated app being launched to conduct a demand survey. There is also an offline mode to this.

The survey to be conducted through the app will assess the demand for group housing that will enable MUDA to plan projects. The app 'mysurumuda' can be downloaded from the MUDA website *'mudamysore.gov.in'* and also it will be available in Playstore. The app was launched by Mysuru District Minister S.T. Somashekar on Wednesday.

MUDA Chairman H.V. Rajeev, MP Pratap Simha, MLC K.T. Srikantegowda, MUDA Commissioner Dr. D.B. Natesh, Secretary Venkataraju, Superintending Engineer Shankar, MUDA member SBM Manju, Jungle Lodges and Resorts (JLR) Chairman M. Appanna and others were present.

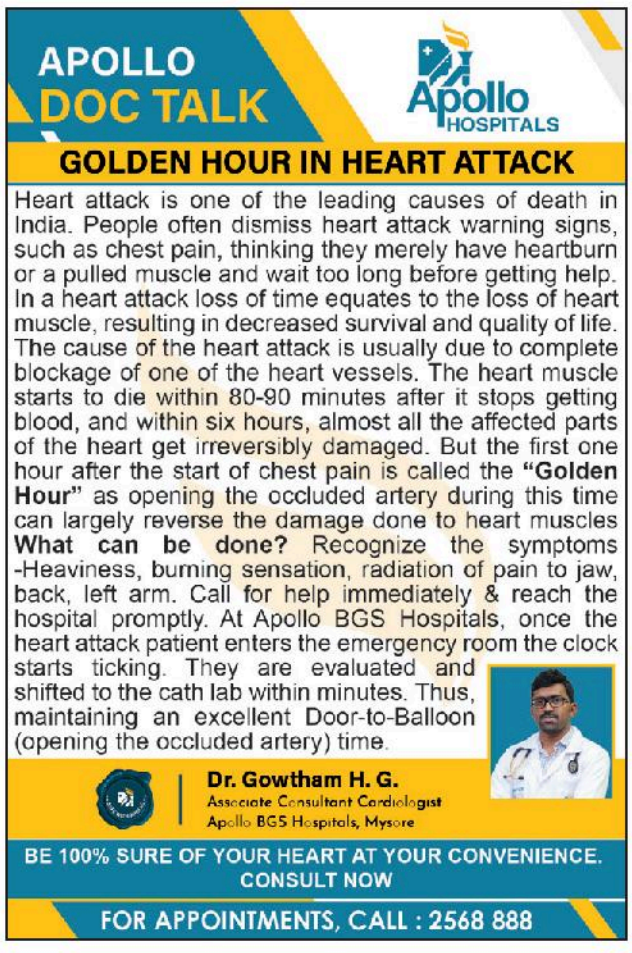
However, this is not the first time MUDA is doing a demand survey for the same scheme. Since 2017, many physical surveys have been conducted and this time, the survey will be conducted through an app. There is good demand for the Affordable Group Housing Scheme as thousands of people who want to own a house in Mysuru have already submitted applications when the demand survey was carried out for group housing schemes.

With pressure mounting on MUDA from aspirants who want to own houses here, MUDA has planned to construct over 1,960 houses under this affordable scheme at Vijayanagar First, Second, Third and Fourth Stages, Dattagalli and Sathagalli.

As per the MUDA plans, these housing complexes will have 14 floors worth Rs. 450 crore and will be divided into Economically Weaker Sections (EWS), Higher Income Group (HIG), Middle Income Group (MIG) and Lower Income Group (LIG). They will have one, two and three bedrooms depending on the categories.

Apart from launching the app for a demand survey, MUDA has also called for an offline survey where the applicants can submit applications at 'group housing drop box' set up at MUDA Office, DC Office, Mysuru City Corporation Office and also the Tahsildar Office at Nazarbad. The applications must be filled up in the prescribed format and put in the box.

For more information, queries can be sent to: *mudamysore@gmail.com* or call Mob: 88840-00791 or 88840-00794.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NEWS BRIEFS

Free week-long acting classes

Mysuru Film Institute, in association with Nakshatra Foundation Charitable Trust, has organised a free week-long acting classes for college students from Sept. 20 to 26 at its premises in Ramakrishnanagar from 4.30 pm to 6.30 pm. Limited to only 20 members. [Mob: 96864-34095 or 80504-90095]

Training for Army & Police Selection

A free three-month long training camp for youths (men and women), who want to join the Indian Army or the Police force, which is underway at Oval Grounds, opposite Crawford Hall, since July 28, will go on till Oct. 30. The training is conducted by servicemen trainer Yodha Ravi in two sessions — 5 am to 8 am and 5 pm to 8 pm. Candidates must make their own arrangements for food and stay. If any donor is willing to provide food and lodging facilities for camp participants for free, contact Yodha Ravi on Mob: 75799-77851 or 96324-60662.

Ph.D awarded

N. Rakshitha Rani has been awarded Ph.D in Life Sciences by the JSS Academy of Higher Education and Research for her thesis titled 'Epidemiology and molecular determination of virulence factors of Mycobacterium tuberculosis in pulmonary tuberculosis' [Guide: Dr. K. Sumana]

WATER LEVEL

KRS DAM

Maximum	:	124.80	feet
Yesterday	:	116.56	feet
Inflow	:	13,682	cusecs
Outflow	:	10,948	cusecs

KABINI DAM

Maximum	:	2,284.00	feet
Yesterday	:	2,281.95	feet
Inflow	:	4,233	cusecs
Outflow	:	1,950	cusecs

HARANGI DAM

Maximum	:	2,859.00	feet
Today	:	2,858.07	feet
Inflow	:	3,153	cusecs
Outflow	:	3,350	cusecs

Minister directs officials to complete vaccination by Dasara

Mysuru, Sept. 11 (MK&DM)- With Dasara celebrations just four weeks to go, District Minister S.T. Somashekar said that the District Administration must gear up to vaccinate all citizens of the district for COVID-19, before Dasara.

He was addressing the KDP (Karnataka Development Programme) quarterly progress review meeting of Mysuru ZP here on Wednesday.

Asking the officials to ensure that the reported lapses that took place during the outbreak of the COVID pandemic last year and the second wave of attack that struck a few months ago do not recur, Somashekar suggested taking additional measures for preventing any escalation of the pandemic during Dasara festivities.

Deputy Commissioner Dr. Bagadi Gautham, replying to the Minister, said that the supply of COVID vaccines must be increased in order to meet the target of vaccinating (both first dose and second dose) everyone in the district before Dasara.

Pointing out that the district required 50,000 doses per day in order to meet the vaccination target in the district by Dasara, he said that a proposal has been sent to the Government in this regard.

Minister Somashekar said that the Government will consider the proposal and act on it.

DHO Dr. K.H. Prasad said that all taluks of the district will have Medical Oxygen Generation Plants in the next few days in order to tackle the possible third wave of COVID attack, which is

FROM LEFT: ***DC Dr. Bagadi Gautham, Minister S.T. Somashekar, MLA G.T. Devegowda, MP Pratap Simha and MLA S.R. Mahesh seen during the KDP quarterly progress review meeting at ZP premises on Wednesday.***

expected to strike in a couple of months. Maintaining that 15 Oxygen Plants are ready for service, he said that all Plants will become operational in a month.

Highlighting the measures taken by the Health Department for preventing the outbreak of Nipah Virus, that has struck neighbouring Kerala, Dr. Prasad said that all precautionary and safety measures have been taken to check the outbreak of Nipah Virus in the district and H.D. Kote taluk, which borders Kerala, is kept under close watch for the deadly virus.

MP Pratap Simha said that Oxygen Plants must also come up in new taluks of Saragur and Saligrama too to meet any medical exigencies in the future.

He also urged the District Administration to distribute Ayushman Bharat Health Cards to all beneficiaries at the earliest.

Chamundeshwari MLA G.T. Devegowda complained that several villages of Mysuru taluk were lacking in bus services and the problem is now more compounded with the re-opening of schools and colleges.

He also urged the authorities to maintain hygiene in schools and to ensure that classrooms are regularly sanitised in the wake of COVID pandemic.

Nanjangud MLA B. Harshavardhan complained about lack of underground drainages in MUDA formed layout at Nanjangud and took MUDA Commissioner Dr. D.B. Natesh to task for not having visited the locality to take stock of the problems there.

Varuna MLA Dr. Yathindra Siddharamaiah too complained about lack of a proper drainage system, roads and other civic amenities in his constituency, where MUDA is granting permission for formation of layouts.

K.R. Nagar MLA S.R. Mahesh took officials to task for the inordinate delay in the execution of works concerning lift irrigation projects, Jal Jeevan Mission and other schemes. Continuing his tirade against the previous Mysuru DC in this meeting too, he alleged that the previous DC had ordered purchase of cloth bags, much against the K.R. Nagar TMC's action plan for developmental works. Charging the officials of failing to release funds for his constituency, he lashed out at ADC Dr. Manjunathaswamy accusing him of failing in judicious use of grants meant for repair and rejuvenation works in K.R. Nagar.

Hunsur MLA H.P. Manjunath urged the District Administration to distribute caste certificates to Parivara community members when the Union Government has brought them under ST list. He wanted to know why District Administration was not issuing caste certificates, when Parivara community members are getting the same elsewhere in the country.

MLAs L. Nagendra, Ashwin Kumar and K. Mahadev, JLR Chairman M. Appanna, MUDA Commissioner H.V. Rajeev, ZP CEO A.M. Yogesh, City Police Commissioner Dr. Chandragupta, SP R. Chethan, MCC Commissioner G. Lakshmikantha Reddy and others attended the meeting.

'Rashtrothana Parishat's contribution to desi culture enormous'

Mysuru, Sept. 11 (RKB&DM)- Maintaining that Rashtrothana Parishat is promoting Indian culture through its Vidya Kendras at a time when the current generation is swayed by western culture, District Minister S.T. Somashekar said that the Parishat is making an enormous contribution for imparting education to all sections of the society.

He was speaking at the ground-breaking ceremony *(bhoomi puja)* for the construction of Rashtrothana Vidya Kendra at Vijayanagar 4th Stage in city on Wednesday.

Bemoaning that today's education is largely limited to listing of marks and issuance of certificates, Somashekar expressed concern that western culture is fast replacing the Indian culture in our academic system.

Contending that Rashtrothana

Parishat Vidya Kendras are coming up at a time when Indian system of education is facing a severe crisis, he said that it is laudable that these Vidya Kendras are giving prominence to Kannada, when the language is under threat from other languages.

Complimenting the Parishat for trying to develop a mindset of Indian culture among young minds, he said that the Parishat's efforts to provide higher education to thousands of poor children under it's 'Sadhana' scheme is outstanding. The Minister wished the Mysuru Vidya Kendra all success.

Mysuru Ramakrishna Ashram's Swami Mukthidanandaji, in his address as the guest of honour, said that Swami Vivekananda always believed that education in real terms must be based on three factors — emotions, morality and Spiritualism.

Noting that Vivekananda had said that missing of any one of the three in the link would not be a complete education, he stressed on the need for imparting education that teaches culture, ethics and the like.

Arguing that the current academics is only for building our career, he said that such an education system has failed in teaching life lessons. As such, it is vital to impart education based on the fundamental aspects of ethics, emotions and spiritualism, the Swamiji maintained.

MP Pratap Simha, MLAs G.T. Devegowda and S.A. Ramdas, MUDA Chairman H.V. Rajeev, Rashtrothana Parishat Vice-President Dwarakanath, General Secretary Dinesh Hegde, Mysuru City Unit office-bearers A. Sripathi, O. Sham Bhat, Dr. Vamanrao Bapat and R. Vasudev Bhat, RSS leader N. Thippeswamy, KSOU Vice-Chancellor Dr. S. Vidyashankar and others were present.

Simple yet traditional Ganesha festival in city

Mysuru, Sept. 11 (RK&DM)- Amid the restrictions imposed by the Government on account of COVID pandemic, Ganesha Chaturthi, one of the major festivals, was celebrated in a simple, yet traditional and customary manner with fervour across the city yesterday.

Devotees were seen visiting Ganapathi Temples across the city, including 101 Ganapathi Temple at Agrahara, Chandramouleshwara Temple at Mathrumandali Circle in V.V. Mohalla, Ganapathi Temple at Gokulam and other localities in the city in large numbers, right from early morning to seek the blessings of Lord Ganesha.

People were seen exchanging greetings either personally and through various social media platforms. With the Government permitting only one Ganesha idol installation in a ward, only a few Ganesha pandals could be seen at public places spread across the city.

Due to COVID-19 pandemic, the Government had issued fresh SOPs, according to which Ganapathi idols of not more than 2 ft. height should be installed at homes and idols not exceeding 4 ft. height at Ganeshotsava in public places.

As such, eco-friendly small Gowri-Ganesha idols were in great public demand as people thronged the markets for purchasing them. Most of the footpaths of streets and other vacant spaces in localities were dotted with idol sellers and all types of puja article vendors. Fancy stores and garment shops too witnessed good business as people sought to buy new bangles, dresses and fancy articles.

After worshipping Gowri-Ganesha idols and celebrating the festival, a majority of the households are learnt to have immersed the idols on Friday night itself, while some others will immerse on the third day and a few others on the fifth day post-Ganesha Chaturthi, with the Government allowing only a five-day Ganeshotsava. Also, the Government had banned taking out processions during bringing of the idol and immersion, bursting of crackers, music and dance, orchestra and such other forms of public entertainment. Also, no *prasada* distribution and mass feeding were allowed during Ganeshotsava and the organisers were asked to strictly adhere to COVID-19 appropriate behaviour during the celebration.

With COVID-19 precautionary measures in place, the MCC had not set up any mobile immersion tanks this year and the people were asked to immerse the idols in large buckets or other water containers in their houses. Overall, the city witnessed a fervour filled Ganesha Chaturthi, sans any grandeur or pomp & gaiety, which were usual things associated with the festival in the pre-COVID days.

H.D. Deve Gowda visits Suttur, seeks Seer's blessings

Former Prime Minister and JD(S) Supremo H.D. Deve Gowda, who called on Suttur Seer Sri Shivarathri Deshikendra Swamiji at Suttur Mutt in city on Thursday, is seen taking the blessings of the Seer.

Four years after capture Ashwathama ready for Dasara

By M.T. Yogesh Kumar

Mysuru, Sept. 11- Captured in 2017 for creating havoc at Sakleshpur and surrounding places in Hassan district, elephant 'Ashwathama,' who has been tamed and displaying calm behaviour now, is all set to participate in Dasara celebrations for the first time this year in just four years of him being captured.

Aged 34 years, with slender tusks and attractive features, Ashwathama, who is 2.85 mts (9.3 ft) tall, 3.46 mts (11.3 ft) long, flat back and weighs 3,630 kg has the ability to be the Golden Howdah carrying elephant in future.

The officials concerned, only after inspecting and examining Ashwathama's nature, physical fitness and other features, selected him to participate in this year's Mysuru Dasara. If Ashwathama participates in Dasara celebrations for six to seven years and provided training continuously, the Forest Department officials are confident that he will be capable of carrying the 750 kg Golden Howdah with the idol of Goddess Chamundeshwari in future.

To train him (Ashwathama) in taking up the responsibility of the 'Howdah Elephant,' Ashwathama is being brought to participate in Dasara in just four years of him being captured and tamed.

Mahout Shivu and Kavadi Ganesh, who have been entrusted the responsibility of taking care of Ashwathama are doing their best in taking care of him.

After being selected for Mysuru Dasara, Ashwathama, who was housed at Dodda Harave Elephant Camp, has been shifted to Mathigodu Elephant Camp. All the eight elephants, which have been selected to take part in this year's Dasara, are being provided nutritious food and are being prepared at their respective camps and will arrive in Mysuru together after *Gajapayana* is flagged off on Sept. 13.

Why was Ashwathama captured

A wild elephant then, Ashwathama was creating havoc by raiding agricultural field and destroying standing crops at Sakleshpur and surrounding places in Hassan district. Farmers and the public, who began to fear him, had urged the Forest Department to capture him.

In this backdrop, the Forest Department had begun combing operation in July 2017. Following information that a wild elephant was causing problems in Sakleshpur Division limits, the Forest officials conducted an inspection and came to know that a male elephant was moving near the villages and causing problems.

After identifying the problem-causing elephant, the Forest Department authorities with the help of combing specialist Abhimanyu, Arjuna and other tamed elephants, captured Ashwathama, who was aged 30 years then and shifted him to Dodda Harave Elephant Camp, where was tamed.

He was then put into an elephant kral where he was provided training and he was named as 'Ashwathama.'

Fierce and notorious in behaviour when captured, Ashwathama was tamed and trained by Mahouts and Kavadis, which enabled him (Ashwathama) to change his behaviour. He now displays peaceful and calm behaviour.

Ashwathama, who came out of the kral in a year, was allowed to move freely around the camp and prepared. Ashwathama is the only male elephant from Dodda Harave Elephant Camp, which houses female elephants Lakshmi, Kumari, Roopa and Anasuya.

A case for multimodal public transport network

Typical Straddle Beam Type Monorail.

Bus Rapid Transit System (BRTS) Bus Stop.

By Prof. G. L. Shekar

A study conducted by a group of civil engineering students of the National Institute of Engineering (NIE), Mysuru, recommends development of a multimodal transport network for Mysuru urban area that is compatible with the Comprehensive Development Plan (CDP) 2031. The project involves planning of multiple bus stands at corridors, Bus Rapid Transit System (BRTS) along arterial roads and ring rail along the Outer Ring Road.

The study was taken up in 2017 when metro work was in full swing in Bengaluru. The NIE team wanted to explore future requirements of such a metro project for Mysuru as well. Thanks to Chairman **H.V. Rajeev,** Mysuru Urban Development Authority (MUDA) has taken proactive measures in getting a Metro Neo Corridor project to Mysuru. However, the NIE team has a different proposition — BRTS-based multimodal network.

Dr. K. C. Manjunath, Head of Civil Engineering Department and project guide at NIE, says that the proposed multimodal network is quite cost effective and it provides an efficient public transportation system. Based on the data provided by MUDA and KSRTC, CDP (Master Plan) and survey information, the project was carried out under the title **"Planning of Public Transport for Mysuru City Master Plan-2031"** by four students — **B.S. Samatha, M. Nikhilash, K. Poojitha and Manikantha Reddy S. Benal.**

Mysuru city has a radial and grid-iron pattern road network with arterial roads originating from the city centre. However, increase in both population and motor vehicles has resulted in congested roads and delay in transportation. Public transportation is largely by bus and it serves only 17 percent of the Local Planning Area (LPA) population as per 2016 data.

Due to lack of interconnectivity between the planning districts, the existing public transportation is inadequate for present and future population. It is projected by trend method that by 2031, Mysuru's urban population will be 20 lakh.

The city is well connected by road, rail and airport. Mysuru is connected by National Highway (NH-766) to the State border town of Gundlupet, where the road forks into the States of Kerala and Tamil Nadu, and National Highway-275, which connects Mysuru to Bengaluru. The city has 5 main arterial roads, which are also the Highways connecting Bengaluru, Madikeri and Hassan, Ooty, T. Narasipur and H.D. Kote and Manandavadi (SH-33).

The total road network in the city in 1971 was 335 km. It increased to 432 km in 1981 which accounted for 29 percent of increase over a decade. There are 48 main roads covering a total length of around 58 km. Now, the total length of all types of roads is over 1,200 km.

The total number of intersections is 210 out of which 30 have traffic signal lights, 22 have blinkers and 158 are controlled manually by Policemen (2017 data). Various modes of vehicles have grown in the past four decades from 4 times to 25 times with the highest growth seen in two-wheelers and cars.

The current mass transportation in Mysuru is mainly through bus and is supplemented by private transport of four-wheelers and three-wheelers.

Bus Rapid Transit System

Bus Rapid Transit System (BRTS) is a bus-based public transport system with dedicated median lanes to buses. It combines capacity and speed of a metro with the flexibility, lower cost and simplicity of a bus system. The system fully utilises existing roadways, right-of-way, and station sites.

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Further, technology systems like automatic vehicle location, passenger information, signal priority and "Smart Card" type fare collection can be easily incorporated. BRTS systems can also provide a broad array of express, limited-stop and local all-stop services on a single facility without complex signal and guide-way switching systems.

As far as Mysuru is concerned, BRTS is proposed for arterial roads. The capital costs of the project include busway infrastructure, stations, buses and technology systems. The cost is about Rs. 15 crore per km considering Ahmedabad's BRTS project.

Though BRTS is planned for arterial roads, microbuses of 20 to 25-passenger capacity are recommended for connecting the planning districts within the arterial roads. These buses can be step-entrance vehicles or low floor buses.

Based on the preliminary investigation of various urban rail transit systems and by considering factors such as aesthetic view, low cost of construction and flexibility, the study suggested to consider Straddle Beam Type Monorail (ring rail) for Outer Ring Road of Mysuru.

The ring rail is a circular rail network that runs parallel to the Ring Road and acts as a feeder network for multiple bus stands at corridors. Since the length of the Outer Ring Road in Mysuru is about 42.5 km with average width of 45 mts, ring rail is planned.

The study involved collecting primary data on classified traffic volume counts on major roads, O–D (origin–destination) survey reports and road inventory details. Secondary data was studied from the transport model from the Comprehensive Mobility Plan (CMP) report related to the trip generation and zones and destination zones. Further, the existing and proposed land use and activity pattern was studied from the City Development Plan and Master Plan.

The resultant outputs were aligned towards identifying demand corridors for mass transport system, engineering and land use feasibility. The study data is used to plan multiple bus stands at junctions of Outer Ring Road and arterial roads so that traffic decongestion is possible in the Central Business District.

Multimodal public transport using BRTS in arterial roads and monorail as ring rail can serve up to 30 percent of LPA population. **Dr. N. V. Raghavendra,** NIE Principal, is confident that civil engineering faculty members at NIE can address the planning and design challenges of multimodal public transport.

Since MUDA has plans for Metro Neo Corridor, experts should compare cost per km of the proposed metro with multimodal public transport as recommended by NIE. We need to thoroughly examine whether there is sufficient road width, especially on the Ring Roads, to build bi-directional monorail and BRTS networks. Perhaps, NIE can initiate debate and consultation with urban transport experts.

[Prof. G.L. Shekar is Advisor-Technical Education. This project was initiated when he was NIE Principal]

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Tourist activity picks up in city after months

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While the tourism industry stakeholders have been insisting that the hospitality and tourism sector is all about survival and recovery, they are happy that the business has picked up soon after the weekend curfew has been lifted.

Apart from the industries allied with the tourism sector like the taxi and travel sectors, businesses too have shown growth this weekend with tourists making purchases along with visiting their favourite destinations in Mysuru.

The footfall at Mysore Palace, Mysuru Zoo, Karanji Lake and Ranganathittu Bird Sanctuary in Srirangapatna and Chamundi Hill crossed over 4,500 to 5,000 till 1 pm today. More people are likely to arrive tomorrow. However, they will come for a short trip, instead of staying for one or two days, said hospitality industry representatives.

Even the Mysuru Zoo saw encouraging footfalls, prompting the Zoo management to hope for more visitors in the coming days. Mysuru Hotel Owners Association President C. Narayanagowda said that tourists were waiting for the weekend curfew to be lifted and today the actual impact has been felt with increased bookings of hotels and other accommodations.

"The hotel industry has suffered a lot without tourists. Now we are seeing customers visiting our hotels and room bookings have also increased in three days. Hope we will see more improvement in the business in coming days", he added.

Private company fined Rs. 3.25 lakh for digging trench without permission

Mysuru, Sept.11 (RK&KS)- Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) has imposed a fine of Rs. 3,25,632 on a private company for digging a 58 mts trench at Metagalli to lay UGD pipeline.

RTI activist B.N. Nagendra had lodged a complaint with the jurisdictional MCC Zone-5 Office that a private company, was digging a trench to lay UGD pipeline from the layout to connect it to the main UGD pipe without obtaining permission from the MCC.

MCC Zone-5 Commissioner, who got the work stopped, issued a notice and a written instruction on Sept. 6 asking the company to pay the fine.

Free COVID vaccination drive tomorrow

Mysuru, Sept. 11 (KS)- Al-Khalid Charitable Trust, Bannimantap and Hilal Welfare Trust, Ghousianagar, have organised a free COVID vaccination drive tomorrow (Sept. 12) for those in the age group of 18 to 70 years between 10.30 am and 4 pm at Hilal Higher Primary and High School in Ghousianagar here.

For details, contact Mob: 97417-89000.

Tenders called for waste plants

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"Since the beginning we have been saying this and we are committed to clear the waste. Now that the MCC has already invited the tenders for Kesare and Rayanakere projects, work on them will begin soon. The Vidyaranyapuram waste will not be shifted here and will be disposed of there itself through biomining and recycling and already works are underway," Ramdas said.

MCC sources said that the tender process for setting up the waste treatment plants at a cost of Rs. 41 crore had been completed. While the plant at Kesare will have a capacity to treat and recycle 200 tonnes of waste per day, the one at Rayanakere will treat 150 tonnes per day. Tenders and financial bids have been cleared and the work order will be issued soon, officers said.

Mysuru city generates nearly 450 tonnes garbage daily of which almost 200 tonnes of it goes to the waste treatment plant at the Sewage Farm and about 150 to 200 tonnes go to landfills and dumping sites and the rest are processed at the zero waste management facilities. "The project has got clearance by the State Environment Impact Assessment Authority-Karnataka. Once the Rayanakere and Kesare plants start functioning, waste will not be brought to Vidyaranyapuram," Ramdas added.

Sexual assault on minor
Court sentences accused to 20 years jail

Mysuru, Sept. 11 (RK&KS)- An accused who had sexually assaulted a three and a half-year-old girl, has been sentenced to 20 years rigorous imprisonment by the Mysuru Special POCSO Court, which has also imposed a fine of Rs. 50,000 on the accused. The convict is 45-year-old Jagadish, a resident of a village in Bilikere Police limits. On Aug. 15, 2019, he had lured the minor girl who was playing in front of his house and had sexually assaulted her following which a case was registered at Bilikere Police Station.

Bilikere Police, who conducted an investigation, submitted a charge-sheet to the Court and Judge Shayma Khamroz, who took up the hearing, heard the arguments from both sides, found the accused guilty of the crime and sentenced him to 20 years jail besides imposing a fine of Rs. 50,000.

Special Public Prosecutor S. Pushpalatha argued on behalf of the Government.

'We did special prayers and chanting to get over trauma'

City's Yoga Guru recalls his time in New York soon after 9/11 terror

By Sharath Jois
Ashtanga yoga teacher

Mysuru-based Ashtanga yoga teacher Sharath Jois was in New York to teach yoga when the two planes struck the World Trade Center. Here he recalls what he saw and how yoga helped his students heal from immediate trauma. —Ed

September 11, 2001. Like for millions across the world, it is an unforgettable day for me too. It is a day I remember with tremendous sorrow.

I was in New York (NY) with my grandfather K. Pattabhi Jois to teach hundreds of New Yorkers who had signed up enthusiastically for our Ashtanga yoga workshop. The month-long workshop commenced on Sept. 1 and was conducted at the historic Puck Building in Manhattan, New York City.

My grandfather and I were put up in an apartment building on Spring Street, six or seven blocks away from the World Trade Centre (WTC).

The apartment had a covered space on the roof where I practised yoga in the wee hours of the morning. From here I could see the beautiful twin towers of the WTC during my daily *sadhana*. They were two breath-taking buildings, they symbolised the captivating energy of NY.

On September 11, we had a workshop from 6 to 8 am. I had practised as usual in the morning on the rooftop, taking in the view of the beautiful buildings and later, went with my grandfather to teach. After the class got over at 8 am, we returned in the car to our apartment building.

As we were getting out of the car, we heard a resounding boom at a distance. It was so loud everything around us seemed to be shaking. The initial reaction was one of bewilderment. As I looked up, I saw the tail of an aeroplane disappearing into the south tower of the twin towers. "Could this be an accident?" We wondered. By then, dust and fire from the building were billowing, clouding the sky. I went to the apartment rooftop to get a better look at what was happening. Just as I was looking, wondering how a plane ended up in a building, I saw another aeroplane being flown into the north tower. A ball of fire went up in the air. I felt shock and numb, the kind one experiences when they witness something unfathomable.

Soon the area around the apartment swelled with devastated New Yorkers crying and walking Uptown. After a while, I went down to understand what was happening when one tower fell, followed by the other. Both towers, the pride of America, had diminished to rubble in front of our eyes. It was surreal.

As the news of the devastating attack on America spread, we were flooded with calls — from students in other parts of the US checking on us. Our family back in India worried for our safety and asked us to return immediately.

We, however, decided to stay. We felt that maybe our students will need us, they will be going through a traumatic time now and at such a time, we could be there for emotional support and the practice of yoga, if not alleviate their pain, at least be a balm.

The very next day, the roads to the yoga workshop centre were blocked and we had to cancel the class. But the day after, we resumed the classes and to our surprise many students turned up. They were distraught and terrified but still came for the class.

The following days were emotionally charged. Students were crying and holding each other for comfort. We did additional chanting sessions and prayers in the hope that they would feel better. We noticed in the later days that there was a remarkable change in students' behaviour. They were more respectful and caring for each other. Many memorials were being held at various places in NY for the departed. We went to places like the Union Square to pay homage to those who lost their lives in the terror strike.

Fortunately, none of our students were directly affected. One of them had gone to the WTC on that day after the class to meet a friend but she ran out of the tower to safety when she heard the blast.

Later, students told us that they had felt grateful that we stayed with them and continued the classes.

Yoga, meditation and special chanting were conducted to lift their spirit, with a hope to bring in some sense of normalcy in their lives. Like we turn to families for support during difficult times, we were glad to be there for our family of yoga practitioners.

We practised yoga for the rest of September and we returned to Mysuru at the end of the month.

As I sat in Mysuru thinking of those post 9/11 days and the yoga workshop, I hope it left our students in better shape mentally, I hope yoga helped them heal and deal with the trauma they had gone through. I hope as a teacher I have fulfilled my duty of not only being there but also guiding them through their yoga sessions and alleviating their pain, even if it was just a little bit ▪

University of Mysore ranked 19 by NIRF

Mysuru, Sept. 11 (KS)- University of Mysore (UoM) has been ranked 19th among the Universities and 34th in the overall category by the National Institutional Ranking Framework (NIRF) of the Ministry of Human Resource Development, Government of India (GoI), for its performance.

According to a press release from UoM Vice-Chancellor (VC) Prof. G. Hemantha Kumar, the rank list was announced on Sept. 9 and the ranking is done annually based on five parameters that includes Teaching, Learning and Resources (TLR), Research and Professional Practice (RP), Graduation Outcome (GO), Outreach and Inclusivity (OI) and Perception.

The assessment is done under 10 different segments such as 'Overall', 'University', 'Engineering' and 'Management' categories among others and the UoM had participated in the first two segments.

The VC has further stated that the UoM was in the 27th position in 'University' category and 47th in 'Overall' category in 2020 and the quantum jump in the performance of the University in this year's ranking is the best performance of UoM in the NIRF ranking so far.

UN Chief marks 20th anniversary of 9/11 attacks

United Nations, Sept. 11 (UNI)- United Nations Secretary-General Antonio Guterres today issued a statement to commemorate the 20th anniversary of the 9/11 terrorist attacks in the United States.

"Today we mark a somber day seared in the minds of millions of people around the world — a day when nearly 3,000 lives from over 90 countries were taken by terrorists in cowardly and heinous attacks in the United States of America. Thousands more were injured," Guterres said in the statement.

"On this day, my thoughts are with the victims and their families. We pay tribute to the survivors, who have had to overcome physical and emotional scars to get on with their lives. We honour the first responders who put themselves in harm's way, with many making the ultimate sacrifice, exemplifying the very humanity and compassion that terrorism seeks to erase," he said.

People's involvement too plays a key role in forest conservation: SP R. Chethan

Mysuru, Sept. 11 (MTY&DM)- Observing that people's co-operation and involvement too play a crucial role in forest conservation, Mysuru SP R. Chethan lauded the role of Forest personnel who toil day and night for conserving our forest and wildlife, which are a vital part of our nature and environment.

He was speaking as the guest of honour at the Forest Martyr's Day that was organised under the aegis of Forest Department at Aranya Bhavan in Ashokapuram here this morning.

Expressing concern over rising attacks on Forest personnel by wild animals and poachers which are sometimes fatal, especially in the past few years, Chethan suggested that the Forest Department should take additional security measures for ensuring the safety of its personnel while on duty. Pointing out that Forest Conservation has assumed greater importance in the context of fast dwindling Forest Reserves which has led to an imbalance of nature, he said that the Forest personnel, just like the Police, work round the clock for saving our forest wealth.

Earlier, the SP placed a wreath on the Martyr's Memorial in the premises as a mark of respect. The Department personnel paid tributes to martyred Forest personnel by firing 21 gunshots in the air.

DCF K. Kamala Karikalan read out the names of 53 Forest personnel of the State who have died while on duty so far.

APCCF Jagatram, CCF T. Hiralal, DCFs Dr. V. Karikalan, Deepa Contractor and Ramakrishnappa, Zoo Executive Director Ajit M. Kulkarni and others were present on the occasion.

Vidyaranyapuram jewellery shop dacoity case

Police continues search for absconding 'Bombay Budda'

Mysuru, Sept. 11 (RK&KS)- Mysuru Police, who are investigating case pertaining to looting of gold ornaments from Amruth Gold and Silver Palace, a jewellery store in Vidyaranyapuram here on Aug. 23, are continuing their search for the ninth accused in the case, nicknamed 'Bombay Budda.'

Budda is aged above 60 years and has gone absconding with the lion's share of the booty.

Budda has switched off his mobile phone and as he is not in touch with anyone, it has become a problem for the Cops to trace him.

The team of Mysuru Police personnel, led by Krishnaraja (KR) Sub-Division ACP, has stayed put in Mumbai and is making all efforts to trace and nab Budda.

Though the Police searched those who were in touch with him and collected information from them, they are unable to trace him.

As Budda has gone absconding with over one kg of gold ornaments, the Police visited shops, where he could sell the gold and have collected information besides inspecting these shops. The Cops are keeping a hawk eye vigil on pawn shops too.

Gang rape incident at Chamundi Foothill

CM unhappy over intelligence failure

Bengaluru, Sept. 11 (KMS&DM)- Expressing serious concern over the recent gang rape in Mysuru, where an MBA girl student was gang raped by a group of miscreants at Chamundi Foothill after assaulting her male friend recently, Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai has reportedly expressed displeasure over the failure of the Intelligence wing of the Police Department.

Basavaraj Bommai

Observing that such an incident would not have occurred had the Intelligence wing been more alert, he said that the wing has a crucial role in prevention of crimes across the State and as such, the personnel should immediately share whatever inputs that they get on illegal or nefarious activities, with the Government or the local Police establishment.

Speaking at an online public interaction meet here on Thursday, Bommai, replying to a query from a citizen of Mysuru, said that his Government was committed for ensuring the safety and security of women.

Recalling that as Home Minister earlier, he had directed for imparting self-defence training to girl students in Colleges and Hostels, he reiterated that the Government was always ready to solve the problems of people at the local level itself.

He further declared that the Government will take measures for building homes to the shelterless in 750 select Gram Panchayats across the State.

IN THE COURT OF PRINCIPAL FAMILY COURT AT MYSORE

G. N. W. No. 4 /2021

Petitioners: 1) Dr. Imran Khan, S/o Dr. Ahmed Khan, Aged about 39 years, Residing at Door No. 319, Building N.14, Discovery Gardens, Jabel Ali, DUBAI UAE. REPRESENTED BY Special Power of Attorney Holder Dr. Ahmed Khan, S/o. Late R. Ismail Khan, R/ at Door No 8/31, SRK Gardens, Jayanagar East, Bannerghatta Road, 1st Cross, BANGALORE-560041.

2) Dr Ahmed Khan, S/o Late R Ismail Khan, Aged about 72 years Residing at Door No.8/31, SRK Gardens, Jayanagar East, Bannerghatta Road, 1st Cross, BANGALORE-560041.

3) Saira Banu, W/o. Dr. Ahmed Khan, Aged about 65 years, Residing at Door No.8/31, SRK Gardens, Jayanagar East, Bannerghatta Road, 1st Cross, BANGALORE-560041.

Vs

Respondent : Ayesha M.E, W/o. Dr. Imran khan Aged about 30 years, D/o. K.R. Mohammed Ellas Sahib Door No. 26, 2nd stage HUDCO Bannimantap, MYSURU-15.

NOTICE

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Given under my hand and seal at the Court on 07.09.2021

Sd/- Advocate for the Petitioner

Sd/- Chief Administrative Officer

Principal Family Court, Mysuru.

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WORD OF THE DAY

Coiffure

Pronunciation: kwah-FYUR.
Meaning: A coiffure is a style or manner of arranging the hair.
Origin: Coiffure, which is a somewhat fancy way of saying "hairdo," has its roots in the French verb coiffer, which can mean "to arrange (hair)" or "to cover with a coif (any of various close-fitting caps, such as that worn under a veil by a nun)." Be careful not to confuse it with coiffeur, which refers to a person who works as a hairdresser. You may also encounter coif used as a noun to mean "hairstyle" and as a verb in the sense of "to arrange by brushing, combing, or curling" (as in "he had perfectly coifed hair"). In these cases, coif is operating as a shortened form of coiffure.
Example: "Perhaps in no other eras has the female coiffure reached such, well, heights, towering actual feet above the wearer's skull line." — Mary Carole McCauley, The Baltimore Sun, 5 Oct. 2003.

THE ODD WORD

Cacoethes

Insatiable desire or mania; bad habit.

PHRASE OF THE DAY

Come hell or high water

Meaning: You mean that you are willing to do whatever it takes to overcome difficulty or obstacles.
Origin: The expression 'come hell or high water' originated in America. The first printed reference comes from an Iowa newspaper, The Burlington Weekly Hawk Eye, dated May 1882: "Since that time the best of my friends had become enemies and strangers have become friends. The devil had broke loose in many parts of the country and keeping up with the old saying, we've had unrevised hell and high water, and a mighty heap of high water, I tell you." **Example:** "I'm going to make it to the dance on Saturday, come hell or high water!"

QUOTE BOX

If there is magic on this planet, it is contained in water. — **Loren Eiseley**

RIDDLE THIS

Solve the rebus

B
O
B

Answer: Bob up and down.

CROSS WORD

ACROSS:
1 Stauts ___ : existing state of affairs
4 "Oats" anagram for a type of portico?
8 Father
12 Oft used computer port
13 Mythical sea monsters
14 Periods of time
15 Person who appreciates beauty
17 Polynesian carved image
18 Delete or rub out
19 Footwear
20 Too
22 Numerical facts in short
24 Passageway
26 Hydrotherapy site
27 Lyricist Gershwin
30 Was stunned
32 Some partying in the outdoors
34 Opposite of start
35 Deep groove
37 Right hand page of an open book
38 Scales sign
40 Pass out playing cards
41 Push in a rough or harsh manner?
44 Narnia lion
46 Hindu ascetic
47 Denigrates, maligns or disparages
50 Ex-Indian captain ___ Contractor
51 Now and ___ : from time to time; intermittently?
52 WWII zone
53 Able was I, ___ __ saw Elba ? (3,1)
54 Talkative bird
55 U-turn from NNE

DOWN
1 As being (Latin)
2 Put to work
3 Overly concerned with
4 Chotta Nawab's sister seen in Rang De Basanti
5 Lock
6 Groups of eight
7 Airline-Selected Equip.
8 Foot-ways or narrow roads
9 Exchange fee
10 Small dog, for short - "keep" anagram?
11 Unchanged (2,2)
16 Internet pest
19 Flight of steps
20 Swiss river - change of "area"?
21 Right to hold another's property till debt is paid
23 Third party program for a smartphone
25 Unearthly
27 Makes one fume?
28 "Rat I" change for a girl
29 System of bidding in Bridge
31 Bestow knighthood upon
33 Large coniferous tree
36 Worthless
38 Roman 58
39 Poplar tree
41 AuldLang___:daysoflongago?
42 A kind of frost
43 Man-eating monster
45 Siberian river
47 Automated Teller Mach.
48 U.F.O. pilots
49 ___ one's wild oats : have a youthful fling at reckless and indiscreet behavior?

THURSDAY'S ANSWER

S	O	A	P	■	H	R	H	■	S	P	E	C
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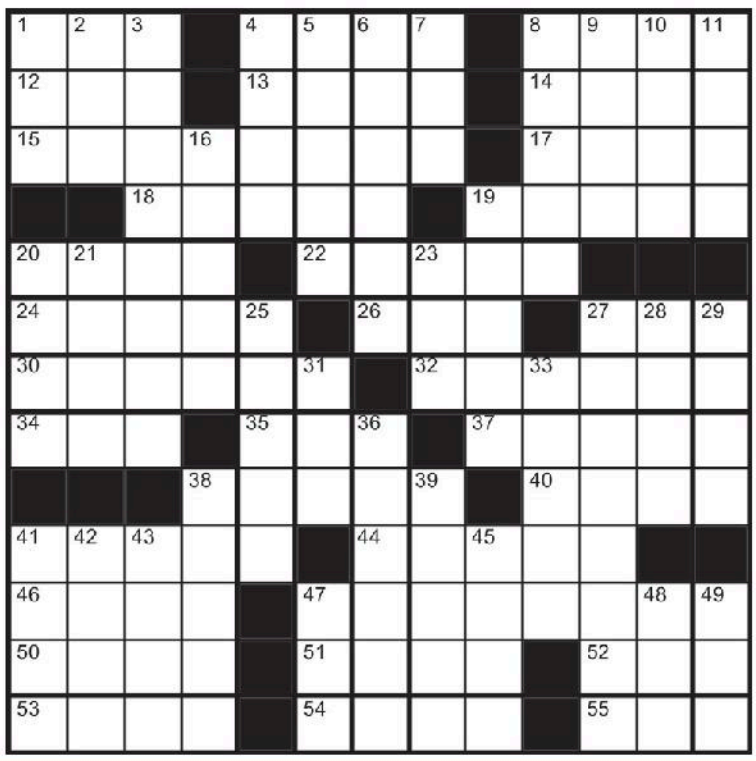

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		6	2	1				
7	1			9		2		

Answer to previous puzzle

6	7	5	8	4	3	2	1	9
2	8	4	7	9	1	6	3	5
3	1	9	6	2	5	7	8	4
1	5	6	2	3	4	9	7	8
8	9	3	5	7	6	4	2	1
4	2	7	1	8	9	3	5	6
5	3	2	4	6	8	1	9	7
7	4	8	9	1	2	5	6	3
9	6	1	3	5	7	8	4	2

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Concept is Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

CRYPTOQUIP

The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

PX PO BFMM XIVX BVL PO OY XFLLPQMF -

YXIFLBPOF BF BYCMH RLYB XYY ZYDH YZ PX

TODAY'S CLUE: Y EQUALS O

Thursday's Cryptoquip: I believe that one of life's greatest risks is never daring to risk.

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Shang-Chi and The Legend (E)	(S-1)	10.30 am, 6.20 pm
	(S-4)	12.30 pm
Laabam (Ta)	(S-1)	1.15 pm; (S-3) 3.30 pm
The Croods: A New Age (E)	(S-1)	4.10 pm
Fast and Furious 9: The Fast Saga (E)	(S-2)	10.10 am
Thalaivii (Ta)	(S-2)	1 pm; (S-3) 10.10 am
	(S-4)	3.05 pm, 6.05 pm
Lanke (K)	(S-2)	4 pm
Malignant (E)	(S-2)	6.35 pm; (S-3) 1.10 pm
Seetimaarr (Te)	(S-3)	6.15 pm
Osho (K)	(S-4)	10.30 am

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Thalaivii (Ta)	(S-1)	10.10 am, 1.40 pm
Laabam (Ta)	(S-1)	5.10 pm; (S-4) 9.50 am
Lanke (K)	(S-2)	2.10 pm; (S-3) 12.55 pm
Malignant (E)	(S-3)	10.00 am; (S-4) 3.55 pm
Shang-Chi And The Legend (E)	(S-3)	2.55 pm, 6 pm
Fast And Furious 9: The Fast Saga (E)	(S-2)	11.00 am
Seetimaarr (Te)	(S-2)	5.20 pm
The Croods: A New Age (E)	(S-3)	12.30 pm; (S-4) 6.30 pm

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Shang-Chi and The Legend (K)	:	11.30 am
Shang-Chi and The Legend (H)	:	4.30 pm
Fast And Furious 9: Fast Saga (E)	:	8.40 am, 10 am, 11.10 am 2.20 pm, 5.30 pm
Fast And Furious 9: Fast Saga (K)	:	5.45 pm
Fast And Furious 9: Fast Saga (H)	:	1.15 pm
Nootokka Jillala Andagadu (Te)	:	2.40 pm
Bell Bottom (H-2D)	:	11.50 am, 6.05 pm
Chehre (H)	:	2.50 pm

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Fast and Furious 9: Fast Saga (K)	:	5.15 pm
Fast And Furious 9: Fast Saga (E)	:	10.45 am, 11.25 am 2.35 pm, 5.45 pm
Shang-Chi And The Legend (K)	:	11.15 am
Shang-Chi And The Legend (E)	:	9 am, 12 noon, 2 pm, 3 pm, 5 pm, 6 pm
Bell Bottom (H-2D)	:	2.15 pm

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Lanke (K)	(S-1)	10.25 am, 3.45 pm
	(S-4)	12.55 pm
Thalaivii (Ta)	(S-1)	12.55 pm
	(S-3)	10.30 am, 3.40 pm
	(S-4)	6.05 pm
Laabam (Ta)	(S-1)	6.15 pm
	(S-4)	10.15 am, 3.35 pm
Seetimaarr (Te)	(S-2)	10.30 am, 1.05 pm 3.40 pm, 6.15 pm
Shang-Chi and The Legend (E)	(S-3)	6.30 pm

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It's Djokovic Vs Medvedev in US Open Finals

The Serbian is one win away to complete calendar-year Grand Slam

Novak Djokovic (Serbia)

Daniil Medvedev (Russia)

Washington, Sept. 11- Novak Djokovic will play Daniil Medvedev to try and complete the first Men's Singles Calendar-year Grand Slam since 1969 after defeating Tokyo Olympic Champion Alexander Zverev in today's US Open semi-finals.

Top-ranked Djokovic outlasted the German fourth seed 4-6, 6-2, 6-4, 4-6, 6-2 to reach Monday's Championship match at Arthur Ashe Stadium against Russian second seed Medvedev.

"I'm going to treat the next match like it's the last match of my career," Djokovic said.

One more victory will give the 34-year-old Serbian star the first calendar-year Slam since Rod Laver accomplished it 52 years ago.

Djokovic seeks his fourth career US Open title and his 21st overall Slam crown, which would lift him one above the all-time record he shares with Rafael Nadal and Roger Federer, both absent with injuries.

"These are the kind of unique opportunities we dream of when we are looking for motivation," Djokovic said.

Australian legend Laver, 83, was in the stands to watch as Djokovic took a measure of revenge for Zverev, 24, beating him in an Olympic semi-final, denying Djokovic's bid for a 'Golden Slam' with a Tokyo gold medal.

Medvedev, the 2019 US Open runner-up, defeated Canadian 12th seed Felix Auger-Aliassime 6-4, 7-5, 6-2 to reach his third career Slam final.

Djokovic is the oldest US Open finalist since Andre Agassi at 35 in 2005 and could be the oldest US Open Champion since Ken Rosewall at 35 in 1970.

By beating Zverev, Djokovic matched Federer's all-time record of 31 men's Slam final appearances. Djokovic is 20-10 in Major finals.

The final is a rematch of February's Australian Open final won by Djokovic in straight sets. Medvedev trails Djokovic 5-3 in their all-time rivalry. "If I can make this, I'll probably be in the history books a little bit somewhere like not letting him do this," Medvedev said. "But I don't really care about it. I think it's more about him, that it affects him.

Djokovic has won 27 consecutive Slam matches, three shy of his all-time record streak from 2015 and 2016 when he won all four Major titles in a row.

US OPEN - FINALS

TODAY'S MATCH (SEPT. 11)

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WOMEN'S DOUBLES

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EVENTS TOMORROW (SEPT. 12)

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